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STEVENSON, YOST AND PEDERSEN CALLED ON U THANT AT HIS REQUEST ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, AT 4:45 PM. U THANT ADVISED US THAT ON TUES LECHUGA AND KUZNETSOV HAD PRESENTED A DRAFT PROTOCOL, SEE OURTEL 1798) WITH THE REQUEST THAT U THANT TRANSMIT IT TO THE US WITHOUT COMMENT. U THANT READ IT THROUGH AND ASKED FOR A MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE 12 TO OMIT ANY REFERENCE TO A PLAN OF HIS.

KUZNETSOV AND LECHUGA RETURNED AT 3:30 TODAY REPORTING THAT CUBA AND THE SOV UNION HAD ACCEPTED HIS MODIFICATION OF ART 12 AS IT IS NOW. U THANT ASKED IF THE US SHOULD COMMENT DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE SYG. KUZNETSOV REPLIED THAT EITHER WAY WOULD DO BUT CUBA INSISTED THAT INFO ABOUT ANY US REACTION ON THE SUBSTANCE SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO HIM.

LECHUGA ALSO INFORMED U THANT THAT THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO CASTRO POSING VERIFICATION BY SOV AMBS IN HAVANA HAD BEEN REJECTED BY CASTRO THIS MORNING BUT THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF THEIR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS FOR A LONG TERM. LECHUGA REMAINED AFTER KUZNETSOV'S DEPARTURE AND DELIVERED TO U THANT A MESSAGE FROM CASTRO PROTESTING THE OVERFLIGHTS AND THREATENING THE USE OF FORCE WHICH IS SUMMARIZED IN FOL MESSAGE.

STEVENSON

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